

ABSTRACT

A system and method provides a way to display images of recently viewed television channels for the user's convenience. Multiple recently accessed television channels are stored in a list. Selecting channels in predefined ways causes the channels to be added to the list in an order in which they were accessed. Small screen images corresponding to a number of recently viewed television channels are displayed in a "recent channel" display screen. The small screen image for the channel being currently viewed is active and displays a live broadcast image, while the remaining small screen images display still images. A focus identifies the screen image of the currently active channel. The focus can be moved among the other small screen images within the recent channel display screen, wherein the channel corresponding to the currently focused image becoming the active channel.

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